

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Please **amend** claims 1 and 2 as follows:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A fuel injector comprising:

a pressure intensifying chamber communicating with a fuel supply passage through a check valve,

a plunger for pressure-intensifying fuel introduced into said pressure intensifying chamber, and

a needle valve for injecting the fuel pressure-intensified in said pressure intensifying chamber through an injection port,

wherein there is provided [[a]] an unobstructed throttle passage branching from said fuel supply passage, the unobstructed throttle passage normally communicating with a fuel drain passage upstream from the check valve.

2. (Currently Amended) A fuel injector according to claim 1, wherein said unobstructed throttle passage is a throttle hole feeding a small amount of fuel to a first drain for said plunger.

3. (Original) A fuel injector according to claim 2, wherein said plunger is formed in a pressure intensifying cylinder using a fuel supplied and discharged by an electromagnetic valve as an operating fluid, and wherein said first drain passage communicates with a second drain passage for said electromagnetic valve.

4. (Previously Presented) A fuel injector comprising:

a pressure intensifying chamber communicating with a fuel supply passage through a check valve,

a plunger for pressure-intensifying fuel introduced into said pressure intensifying chamber, and

a needle valve for injecting the fuel pressure-intensified in said pressure intensifying chamber through an injection port,

wherein there is provided in said fuel supply passage a throttle passage normally communicating with a fuel drain passage, and wherein said fuel supply passage has an annular space situated around said plunger and extending vertically in the axial direction, and wherein said throttle passage communicates with a portion above said annular space.

5. (Previously Presented) A fuel injector comprising:

a pressure intensifying chamber communicating with a fuel supply passage through a check valve,

a plunger for pressure-intensifying fuel introduced into said pressure intensifying chamber, and

a needle valve for injecting the fuel pressure-intensified in said pressure intensifying chamber through an injection port,

wherein there is provided in said fuel supply passage a throttle passage normally communicating with a fuel drain passage, and wherein said fuel supply passage extends from a fuel supply port, and said throttle passage constantly feeds a small amount of fuel from the fuel supply port to the fuel drain passage.